# AMENDMENTS

## *In the Claims*

1.    (Currently Amended)  A method for <u>a customer to evaluate</u> ~~evaluating~~ supplier performance, comprising:

    receiving a first evaluation of the supplier submitted electronically by a team member of

        a customer of the supplier <u>into a customer website</u>;

    receiving a second evaluation of the supplier submitted electronically by a team leader of

        the customer <u>into a customer website</u>;

    receiving a third evaluation of the supplier submitted electronically by the supplier<u> into a</u>

        <u>customer website</u>; and

    generating an indicia of a supplier's performance based on the first, second and third

        evaluation.

2.    (Original)  The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

generating and providing a report representing the indicia of the supplier's performance.

3.    (Original)  The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

providing access for the supplier to view electronically the indicia of the supplier's

        performance.

4.    (Original)  The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

providing access for the supplier to view electronically an indicia of the performance of

        all suppliers of a class of components.

5.    (Original)  The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

communicating an indicia of the performance of the supplier to members of a

        manufacturing organization.

6. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

analyzing the performance of a supplier based on the performance of the best supplier in the class of suppliers.

7. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

analyzing the performance of a supplier based on improvements required by a manufacturer.

8. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

agreeing to future performance targets.

9. (Original) A system for evaluating a supplier, comprising;

a computer system, the computer system including a computer program product encoded in computer readable media, the computer program operable to:

receive a first evaluation of a supplier submitted by a team member of a customer of the supplier;

receive a second evaluation of the supplier submitted by a team leader of the customer;

receive a third evaluation of the supplier submitted by the supplier; and

generate an indicia of the supplier's performance based on the first, second and third evaluation.

10. (Original) The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the computer system is configured to communicate over a network and to receive evaluations submitted from a second computer system across the network.

11. (Original) The system as recited in claim 10, wherein the network is a public global communication network.

12. (Original) A method for evaluating supplier performance, comprising:

receiving a first evaluation of the supplier submitted electronically by a team member of a customer of the supplier;

receiving a second evaluation of the supplier submitted electronically by a team leader of a customer of the supplier; and

generating an indicia of the supplier's performance based upon the first and second evaluation.

13. (Original) The method as recited in claim 12, further comprising:

generating and providing a report representing the indicia of the supplier's performance.

14. (Original) A computer program product encoded in computer readable media, the computer program product comprising:

instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to:

receive a first evaluation of a supplier submitted electronically by a team member of a customer of the vendor;

receive a second evaluation of a supplier submitted electronically by a team leader of the customer;

receive a third evaluation of the vendor submitted electronically by the vendor; and

generate an indicia of the vendor's performance based upon the first, second and third evaluations.

15. (Original) A system for evaluating a supplier, comprising:

a computer system, the computer system including a data storage device, the data storage device storing data for a supplier performance among suppliers supplying a class of components, comprising:

data representing quality of components supplied by each supplier;

data representing cost of components supplied by each supplier;

data representing availability of the components from each supplier;

data representing service performance of each supplier; and

data representing a top performing vendor among the suppliers supplying the class of components.

16. (Original) The system as recited in claim 15, further comprising:

a server, wherein the computer system and the server are configured to communicate over a network and receive evaluations submitted from a second computer system across the network.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of evaluating the performance of a supplier, the performance of the supplier determined from at least one of a group, comprising:

determining a best supplier in the class of suppliers, wherein the class of suppliers are those suppliers supplying a component to a manufacturer, the determining being performed by a computer system.

18. (Original) The method as recited in claim 17, further comprising:

determining an indicia of quality of a component supplied by the supplier to the manufacturer.

19. (Original) The method as recited in claim 17, further comprising:

determining a cost of a component provider by a supplier.

20. (Original) The method as recited in claim 17, further comprising:

determining an indicia of availability of components supplied by a supplier.

21. (Original) A method of evaluating the performance of a supplier, the performance of the supplier determined from at least one of a group consisting of:

receiving a first evaluation of the supplier submitted electronically by a team member of a customer of the supplier;

receiving a second evaluation of the supplier submitted electronically by a team leader of the customer; and

generating an indicia of a supplier's performance based on the first and second evaluation.

22.    (Original)  The method as recited in claim 21, further comprising: communicating an indicia of the performance of the supplier to members of a manufacturing organization.